



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: J. HEARN et al.

Group Art Unit: 3751

Application No.: 09/910,720

Filed: July 24, 2001

Examiner: A. Ramana

For: CRANIAL FLAP CLAMP AND  
INSTRUMENT FOR USE  
THEREWITH

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-177-999

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

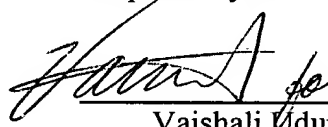
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-16. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement, however, as all claims presently in the application are directed to the cranial clamp art. As such, one search would cover the subject matter of all the claims. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to protect claims of Group II or other disclosed, but unclaimed, subject matter.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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